

Jesus Stills a Storm

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is a story for a storm. We are in a storm, are we? The virus keeps changing, that effects the economy, the supply chain, frustration, unemployment, schools opening and closing, required immunizations, health problems, relationships.... We are in a BAD storm.

Well, the disciples were in a storm too, but in a storm while simultaneously been in the will of God. Jesus said let's go to the other side. They were crossing the sea of Galilee during the night and they were doing exactly what Jesus told them to do. And they still run into the storm. Just because you are in the will of God, it doesn't mean you are not going to have bad negative circumstances on your way. When the storm began to rage, there was not only external storm that was tossing the boat, causing this professional fisherman to be scared. But also, there was emotional storm, they were afraid to death. We all believe God and trusting the word, but we still can get scared and terrified when we hear about tragedies, people getting sick, loss of life, losing a job, been forced to be vaccinated, it can be scary emotional. But the worst was the spiritual storm. The disciples when to Jesus and woke him up and asked Him, do you NOT care? When you are in a storm, to be honest you feel like God doesn't care. Because if He cares, why He would allow me to go through this storm when I am doing what He told me to do, to get in the boat and go to the other side? So, we are all going through it, in a storm while Jesus was asleep in a pillow. He was tired and he went to sleep intentionally on purpose. Sometimes it feels like you are dialing heaven and no one is answering or the line is busy. Feels like God is on vacation and left us to defend ourselves. Sometimes the things just get better and here it comes another virus variant and it looks like God is asleep. They aroused him and asked "don't you care?" Don't you see our fear, pain, the troubles and you say nothing, in fact you are snoring while we are going to die? Jesus asked them: Why are you so terrified? Like Jesus didn't know? Is it obvious Jesus, the big storm. We are trying to cross over and we are in trouble. The Jesus Christ looked at nature and said, "Peace be still". He looked at the circumstances the wind, the waves in the dark that created the disciples to be terrified, and said peace be still, that means that the peace was moving. When you are in the will of God you are in the safest place to be even in the midst of a storm. If they were really remembering what Jesus said, let us go to the other side, He didn't say let us go half way and drawn. Jesus knew they were going to make it, but with some trials on the way. And he went to sleep. The disciples forgot His word, because they saw how big and scary the circumstances were. I am not undermining the circumstances family and friends. I am not saying this is not serious and we shouldn't be cautious and do all the necessary thing that we have to do. But if you are living your life in the will of God, this is the opportunity to see God in all another level. This storm that you are now is an opportunity to see the God of nature that will over rule the circumstances and meet us in the midst of them. Jesus is still in charge of

everything Covid, .. Since he is in charge, we better get his undivided attention on every level. Doctors haven't been able to fix it, CDC, governments either. That's because God is talking, people give me your undivided attention. I am the God of nature and can help peace to be still.

The passage concludes, they were very much affright when they said: That man of men is this that even the winds and the waves obey Him? They were affright from the storm, but they were terrified of who Jesus was. Sometimes, we are affright of the wrong things, we should be fearing God more than the circumstances. But the circumstances feel so near and real and we are physically affected often. Then our attention is changed and its easy to start fearing stuff. If we fear God who control the nature, he can speak a word ... and he can change the trajectory of the situation. Our problem is: We are not in Gods will or we are not approaching our storms well. Let's get in Gods will, by hearing his word and obeying it. Lets get to the other side, he said. And during the storms get your pillows. And you lay back like Jesus and say, God I know there are uncertainties, but you are my covering, you are my protector. I am going to follow all rules and were my mask, but my eyes are going to be on you. I am going to trust you during this storm, during this financial crisis... And I am going to take a deep breath ... and I am going to rest in your truth. God is in the equation and He's going to take us true the storm. Either he is going to come and get us out of here, or showing His will taking us true here as we cross the wilderness to a place with blessings. Either way we will got true the storm with victory.